

From: Edward Reed
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 11:13 AM
Subject: Deregulation

I have no idea if anyone reads emails sent to these addresses or not, or if the opinion of one private citizen with no lobbying organization is of significance, but I'd like to state that if anybody cares, I am an American citizen of no particular note who is opposed to deregulation, and I care enough to work out how to reflect that opposition when I vote.

Wow. Quite the run on sentence there. Have a pleasant day.

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Ed Reed

From: Dr Wynne COLLins
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 7:55 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Dr Wynne COLLins (wynnevet@hotmail.com) writes:

Dear Commisioner Adelstein,
I am writing to you regarding the decision by the FCC to de-regulate broadcast media. I would hope that the commisioners would consider this in a negative way as the media has already become quite mon-opinion but would only get worse if monopolised by one company. Please reconsider.
Thank you for your time,

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From: 4014873326@vtext.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 8:39 AM
Subject: Commissioners, the proposed rule changes

Commissioners, the proposed rule changes in broadcast ownership will stifle diversity, limit viewpoints, & remove different perspectives, leading to more bias! thanx

From: Guadalupe Ponce
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 5:43 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Guadalupe Ponce (lponce1067@yahoo.com) writes:

I am just dropping a line to let you know that you have my support against the further deregulation of our media. I know it is an extreme but we should learn from history that one of the things that helped and kept Adolf Hitler in power so long was the control of the mass media. He then persecuted and tortured journalists that spoke out against him. To have the very few control what the many hear is a very dangerous avenue that I hope we steer ourselves from. We are a free people and we should remind others that we are free because we are able to choose, not the other way around. Thank you sir,
Sincerely, Guadalupe Ponce

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From: Gregg Hartung
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 12:13 PM
Subject: Radio Ownership Concern

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I enjoy all styles of music! You know about the Dixie Chicks controversy - actually, their kind of music or their performances are not really the issue here.

One of the Chicks made a statement against our President [An interview with Diane Sawyer recently went back over the statement] and immediately, the group owners of country stations dictated that none of their stations could play Dixie Chicks music again - ever. The Chicks are not some third-tier player. Their latest and best CD was #1 prior to this; a summer-long nation-wide concert tour is sold out; an excellent NBC-TV special has been made into a DVD. But so far, the adherence to company rule has been iron clad with the radio stations controlled by their group owners.

It is a chilling display of the power of so many stations now in the hands of so few persons. And you know those same companies are now not content with the enormous percentage of stations they own, but they will be pitching the FCC on June 2nd to up their percentages, even asking for unlimited ownership.

CNN is no longer independently owned. Neither are the TV networks. Neither are the thousands of local radio stations that ten years ago could do what they wished for their community. Will what might happen with radio be followed by local TV stations. Clear Channel not only owns a majority of the big stations (especially country, rock and talk - over 1,200 stations) in every major market, but they also own the companies that control concerts.

Again, the Chicks are only an illustration of what is now in place and what could get worse if the group owners get their approval for expansion. Local and national elections will be brutal on those who oppose the owners. Freedom of expression is what this country is founded on! This approval for more ownership that removes local input will actually limit the American people in expressing themselves than assist in affording them this basic right.

Please file this view as opposition to any more expansion of ownership in the radio industry!

Peace,

Gregg

From: Denny & Colleen Nero
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 5:38 PM
Subject: Fw: Directv

----- Original Message -----

From: Denny & Colleen Nero
To: mpowell@fcc.gov
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2003 5:38 PM
Subject: Directv

Dear Mr. Powell,

I vehemently oppose the sale of Directv to Rupert Murdoch. This sale would give Mr. Murdoch more of a monopoly on the communications industry than he already has. Also I oppose the loosening of the rules for communications owners acquiring more than one station in a city. etc. etc. Of course you Republicans will let this sale go through because you want the top 1% in annual income people to get richer and richer, while closing off the only outlet the small little man has Communications Industry. Also then we would have more right wing conservative news, view points and anchorman than we already have. As we all know Mr. Murdoch is a right wing conservative!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dennis E. Nero

CC: Michael Copps, kjmwebb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein

May 27, 2003 05:07 AM

Jimmy Gugliuzza

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FCC Chairman Michael Powell
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Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

Dear FCC Chairman Michael Powell:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I urge you to tell the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) not to weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of America's newspapers and radio and TV stations.

As you know, the FCC is reviewing rules currently for media ownership and is likely to allow big corporations to dominate ownership of media in a particular city or town. If that happens, one company may be allowed to own the local newspaper, several TV and radio stations and the cable TV system in the same community. There would be fewer owners of networks, stations and newspapers nationwide.

Media ownership would be concentrated among fewer companies and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints would be compromised. Plus, it likely would result in higher costs for businesses that advertise in local media, and those costs likely would be passed onto consumers.

The FCC is expected to vote on whether to change the rules on June 2. The public comments submitted to the FCC by individuals have been opposed to media consolidation overwhelmingly. Americans understand that the public interest is not being served by deregulation that reduces competition.

Please tell the FCC to reinstate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Gugliuzza

cc:

Representative Thomas Reynolds

Senator *Hillary Clinton*

Senator Charles Schumer



FAX

Date: 5/30/03

To: FCC

Chairman Michael Powell

From: John F. Eden

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Subject: Proposed Rule Change re: cross-ownership

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As an American citizen, a parent and teacher, and someone who would like to believe that we still live in a democracy, I insist that you not make this change without open and extensive public comment.

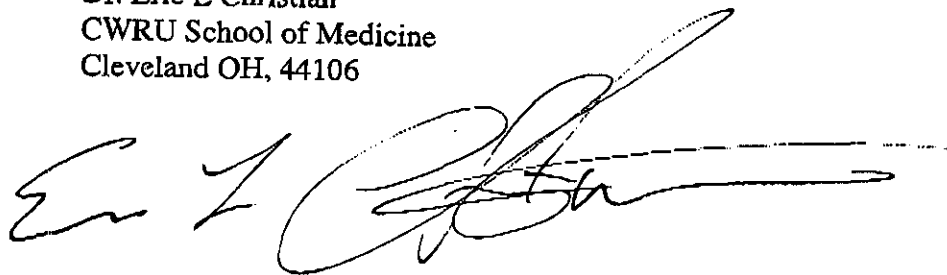
I urge you to consider the danger this rule presents. On top of the previous changes turning the media over to the multinational corporations and giving them freedom to operate in their own interests and not in the interests of the public, opening these markets to cross-ownership could well kill the great principle of "the marketplace of ideas" central to a democratic society.

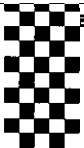
I assure you, this move will have political repercussions of the greatest magnitude. Please listen to the people of America and not to the money.

Mr. Michael Powell,

Consolidation of the media undermines the foundation of democracy and will make a mockery of America as a symbol of freedom.

Dr. Eric L Christian
CWRU School of Medicine
Cleveland OH, 44106

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Memo: to FCC Chair Michael Powell
Re: Media Consolidation

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Chairman Powell, you have an obligation to the people of the United States to listen to and hear their concerns. Your colleagues have requested that you give Congress some time to discuss the impact of the changes you are considering and you have only given the American public one meeting to express their views. We need and we deserve to have democratic debate about the rule change consequences. We are watching this carefully and the people will act.

Judith Ranheim
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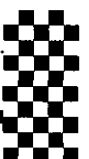
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SUBJECT: Note on Media Ownership Rules

COMMENTS: _____

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State of North Carolina

**Roy Cooper
Attorney General**

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Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I write to urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to delay voting on the proposed revisions of the media ownership rules to give the general public greater opportunity to provide input. The proposals, as related in the press, would represent the most significant rewriting of the media ownership rules in decades. Yet, nearly three quarters of Americans know nothing of this review, according to the Pew Center.

Because broadcast television remains the public's predominant source of news and entertainment, the airwaves play a unique and crucial role in our vibrant democracy. Increased concentration of ownership by the media giants, which the proposed changes in the ownership rules would permit, runs the risk of harming competition, stifling diversity of opinion, information and entertainment, and reducing localism in our news coverage and programming. Therefore, I advise against a rush to judgment in this important matter.

The FCC is to be commended for its recent challenge to the proposed merger of Echostar and DirectTV. My office joined a number of other states and the United States Department of Justice in seeking to enjoin the merger in order to promote competition. That case serves to underscore that we must give thorough consideration and opportunity to comment before diminishing the diversity of programming options available to the general public, especially rural Americans.

Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman
May 30, 2003
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Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roy Cooper', with a stylized, cursive script.

Roy Cooper

cc: Commissioners Abernathy, Adelstein, Copps, and Martin

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Federal Communications Commission
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May 30, 2003

By Telecopy

The Honorable Jonathan Adelstein
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: **Ex Parte Response to May 28, 2003 Letter from
C. Richard D'Amato
MB Docket No. 02-277, MM Docket No. 01-235,
MM Docket No. 01-317, MM Docket No. 00-244**

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

On behalf of Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. ("Sinclair"), this is to respond to the ex parte letter dated May 27, 2003 from C. Richard D'Amato to Chairman Powell. Although the letter contained certain derogatory remarks concerning Sinclair, it was not served upon Sinclair and we thank you for bringing the letter to our attention.

Mr. D'Amato has complained about certain on-air reports that a subsidiary of Sinclair ran concerning his military record. Sinclair stands behind the allegations contained in its on-air reporting that Mr. D'Amato, at that time a publicly elected official running for reelection, misrepresented his military record. We disagree with Mr. D'Amato's statement that Sinclair was ever "provided full Navy documentation that [the] allegations were false." In fact, Sinclair's reports were supported by documentation obtained from the Department of Defense pursuant to Freedom of Information requests.* In addition, although it is true that a Sinclair employee provided information regarding the allegations against Mr. D'Amato to local newspapers, Mr. D'Amato engages in

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*Tellingly, after Sinclair commenced its investigation of Mr. D'Amato's claims to have won certain military medals and awards, Mr. D'Amato's website was revised to remove such claims.

Commissioner Adelstein
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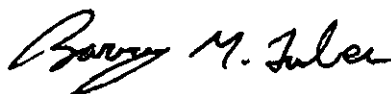
hyperbole in alleging that Sinclair "engaged in lobbying efforts to convince the newspapers to print the allegations."

No doubt the vast majority of public figures who are the subject of investigative reports harbor ill feelings toward the media outlet which conducted such an investigation. That Mr. D'Amato should feel this way is not surprising. What would be surprising, however, is if, Mr. D'Amato's unsupported allegations were viewed as providing any probative evidence whatsoever in the multiple ownership rulemaking proceeding.

The record with respect to this rulemaking includes an enormous amount of clearly reasoned and factually supported comments. Numerous third-party economic studies were prepared, not only at the request of the Commission, but also under the auspices of certain of the commentators. Several public hearings were held by the Commission, as well as by individual Commissioners, and Congressional hearings have taken place. In the face of the extensive record that has been compiled, a single letter containing unsubstantiated, anecdotal allegations from a clearly biased individual should in no way form the basis for the decision that the Commission reaches.

In closing, we hope that you and the other Commissioners will resist the urge to reach conclusions based on the emotional, unsupported opinions of an individual such as Mr. D'Amato, who not only has an axe to grind, but who has also misrepresented the relevant facts in his letter to Chairman Powell. We hope that you will understand that it is important to preserve investigative journalism and that the reports we aired were the essence of a democratic society. The decision that is reached concerning the multiple ownership rules should be based not on emotion and conjecture, but rather on the factual record that has been provided.

Sincerely yours,



Barry M. Faber
Vice President/General Counsel

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cc: C. Richard D'Amato
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Mr. Michael Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell:

Your decision to ignore the majority of the public and their calls for a delay in the June 2nd ruling that'll overhaul rules of media ownership is a sign of your inability to understand how a democracy works.

I urge you to postpone the ruling on June 2nd in order to allow more public participation in the discussion of the new rule changes and to hold public forums for the purpose of these concerns of the public. Either you abide by the wishes of the citizens of this country, or we will overwhelmingly pressure our politicians to reverse all the rules that you are planning to abolish in three days. I want more voices in the media not less as you perceive I do in your "datasets".

No matter how stubbornly you refuse to pay attention to what the people want in this country, we will move forward in making the changes that we feel are good for democracy and for the free flow of information and the control of it in the hands of the people, not in the clutches of a wealthy plutocracy.

Your decision to go ahead with these changes will ruin television, opening it up to one-party rule. Cable news has already become a shouting match of paid political partisans. There are a shrinking number of privately owned local television stations. Instead less and less information is being slowly filtered down to the American people.

The worst part with the new rule changes is that one group could ultimately control the majority of what we see, hear and read on radio, TV and in the papers. Instead of a nation of diverse opinions, America will be a nation of consumer clones unaware of what is really going on in the world.

Take a moment to reflect on this. Do you want to live in such a "democracy", in which the news is screened by corporations whose priority is to make you buy their products? How can you have truth in such a consumer-driven media? The answer is you don't.

Sincerely,

Bill LePage

May 27, 2003 05:07 AM

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FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
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Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Gugliuzza

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Senator Hillary Clinton

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